

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8 as follows:

~~--The embodiments as defined in claims 12 and 13 relate to particularly advantageous fields of use of the rotary knob in accordance with the invention. Thus, the~~The rotary knob is particularly suitable for controlling graphical user interfaces. At each menu item the user will notice a short click, which may be louder depending on the importance of the respective menu item. This is particularly important in motor vehicles because the driver can now operate the user interface blindly in that he relies exclusively on the haptical feedback response of the rotary knob. As a result, he need not take his eyes from the road, which adds to traffic safety. At the same time, this enables the number of controls and switches of a cockpit to be reduced considerably because the rotary knob can perform any number of functions. Moreover, the control element is also suitable for use in ~~portables- portable devices~~ such ~~[[a]]~~ as mobile phones because its current consumption is very low.--